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MUNICH FOR FRISBIE

E.O. 11652: XGDS-3

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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN DISSIDENTS ATTEMPT SELF-IMMOLATION

REF: BUCHAREST 5452

1. THE DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED ABOUT IMPLICATIONS FOR THE
INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED AS WELL AS FOR US FOREIGN-POLICY
INTERESTS WHICH ARE POSED BY INCIDENTS SUCH AS THAT WHICH
OCCURRED LAST WEEK AT EMBASSY BUCHAREST (REFTEL). THIS
INCIDENT AND ITS EVIDENT CONNECTION WITH THE PENTACOSTAL
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SIT-IN AT EMBASSY MOSCOW SUGGEST THE POSSIBILITY THAT OTHER
GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS IN EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES MAY BE
ENCOURAGED BY THE EXAMPLE OF THE PENTACOSTALISTS.

2. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THIS ISSUE WITH WALTER ROBERTS,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD FOR INTERNATIONAL BROAD-
CASTING. ROBERTS SUGGESTED THAT YOU DISCUSS IT WITH

GLENN FERGUSON IN MUNICH AND OUTLINE THE DEPARTMENT'S CONCERN TO AVOID ENCOURAGEMENT OF SIMILAR ACTIONS BY OTHER GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS. YOU MAY DRAW ON REFTEL AS APPROPRIATE.

3. FYI: USICA HAS DISCUSSED THIS ISSUE IN SIMILAR TERMS WITH THE VOA MANAGEMENT. CHRISTOPHER

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